

Seed Pearl Blanket

This is a simple knit, based on the “Seed-Pearl Block Stitch” from Barbara G. Walker’s *A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns*. As the book says, “...this subtle arrangement of tiny purl dots can be worked by any person capable of counting up to eight.”

Okay then, that works for me!

Size

Finished blanket: as big as you like. Sample is 24” x 24”, but you can easily make any size square or rectangle by changing your yarn weight, needle size and/or stitch count.

Materials

- Something soft. Sample was knit with one skein of Loops & Threads Snuggly Wuggly, an easy-care DK-weight option for a donated baby blanket. (You could use just about anything for this design, adjusting stitch count as necessary for very fine or very thick yarns.)
- Circular needle of the appropriate size for your yarn. This sample was knit on a 4mm needle.
- Tapestry needle for working in ends.

Gauge

You have total flexibility on gauge here. It will be based on your yarn weight and needle size. Sample gauge is about 18 stitches = 10cm.

Make a blanket!

Cast on 115 stitches (or any multiple of 8 stitches plus 1, plus the number of stitches you want for your side borders). Cable cast-on makes a nice tidy edge.

Seed stitch border: Slip 1 stitch with yarn in front. *K1, p1. Repeat from * to the last stitch of the row. Knit this stitch through the back loop.

Repeat this row, slipping the first stitch of each row, knitting the purl stitches and purling the knit stitches (seed stitch), then knit the last stitch through the back loop.

Work these seed stitch rows until you’re happy with the border depth. (Sample is about 3 cm.)

Now start the main section. It has a five-stitch border of seed stitch at each side edge, and the Seed-Pearl Block stitch across the middle.

Row 1 (wrong side) and all other wrong-side rows – Slip 1 stitch with yarn in front. K1, p1, k1, p1, place marker (to separate the seed stitch borders from the middle section). Purl to last five stitches. Place another marker. K1, p1, k1, p1, knit last stitch through back loop.

Row 2 – Slip 1 stitch with yarn in front. K1, p1, k1, p1, slip marker. P1 *k1, p1; repeat from * to marker. Slip marker. K1, p1, k1, p1, knit last stitch through back loop.

Rows 4, 8 and 12 – Slip 1 stitch with yarn in front. K1, p1, k1, p1, slip marker. Knit to marker. Slip marker. K1, p1, k1, p1, knit last stitch through back loop.

Rows 6 and 10 – Slip 1 stitch with yarn in front. K1, p1, k1, p1, slip marker. P1, *k7, p1; repeat from * to marker. Slip marker. K1, p1, k1, p1, knit last stitch through back loop.

Repeat rows 1-12 until you are happy with the length of your blanket, saving enough yarn to knit the top seed stitch border.

And now work that top border, same as at the lower one. Work as many rows as you like then bind off all stitches and work in any ends. Block if your yarn requires it (this acrylic one didn’t, of course).

(Pattern is a multiple of 8 stitches plus 1, If you want to change the width of your blanket, use this to calculate the number of stitches you will need. Remember to add enough stitches for the seed stitch border – 10 stitches in this sample, but it can be as wide as you like.)



If you find an error or have any problems with this pattern, please contact me (kellym) on ravelry.

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